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WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED PRONOUN?

What is your preferred pronoun? It seems we hear more and more of that phrase nowadays.

This article will address using "they" as a singular pronoun. When we're talking about the singular they, we're usually talking about using "they" in sentences like these:

- Tell the caller they won a car.
- Who left their coat outside?

In these sentences, we're talking about one person, but we don't know whether that person is male or female. In the past, people might have written "Tell the next caller he won a car" or "Tell the next caller he or she won a car," but as we'll see, more people are starting to accept the pronoun "they" in sentences like these.

Both the AP Stylebook and the Chicago Manual of Style have updated their style guides to be more accepting of "they" as a gender neutral singular pronoun. But this is still an active area of language change, and the two style guides still disagree about how much they accept the singular "they."

The Chicago Manual of Style took the more timid position of the two stylebooks. In the 17th edition, which will come out in September, the editors first distinguish between formal English and informal English.

Singular 'They' in Formal English (Chicago)

In formal English, Chicago would still rather have you avoid using "they" as a singular pronoun. However, you can tell that they're struggling with the decision because the editors also want you to avoid gender-biased language, so they seem to grudgingly allow that if you can't find another way to avoid using "he" as a generic pronoun, you can use "they," even in formal writing.

In a later update on the Chicago website, they note that Chicago supports flexibility, writing, "Editors should always practice judgment and regard for the reader. For instance, some recent books published by the University of Chicago Press feature the use of the singular "they" as a substitute for the generic "he." Context should be a guide when choosing a

style, and the writer's preferences should always receive consideration."

So, in formal writing, the way I read Chicago style is that you should try hard to write around the problem, but if you can't or you feel really strongly about proactively using "they" as a singular pronoun, it's fine.

Singular 'They' in Informal English (Chicago):

When we move on to informal English, Chicago is more straightforward. They say it's fine to use "they" as a singular pronoun in our "Tell the next caller they won a car" sentences.

And then we get to a different kind of sentence: the kind of sentence we use for people who don't want us to call them he or she. Again Chicago is straightforward, advising that "a person's stated preference for a specific pronoun should be respected" even in formal writing. That means that if someone's tells you their preferred pronoun is "they," use it.

"They": A Singular or Plural Verb?

This seems to be one of the things that bugs people most about using "they" as a singular pronoun. If you need to pair the pronoun in cases like this with a verb that is different depending on whether it's singular or plural, use a plural verb. For example, "They were happy with the proposal."

Singular "They" (Associated Press)

The biggest difference between Chicago style and AP style is that AP doesn't break it down as more acceptable in informal English and less acceptable in formal English—perhaps because the AP Stylebook is primarily for news writers, its users aren't quite as varied as Chicago's. And even though the AP also recommends writing around the problem whenever possible, the Stylebook's tone also seems just more generally accepting or less grudging than Chicago's, depending on how you look at it.

The AP also wants you to respect people's pronoun choices, although they note that they do not use other gender-neutral pronouns such as "xe" or "zir," so they aren't that accepting. And then they say, generally, that if rewriting is too awkward or clumsy, it's fine to use "they" in our "Tell the next caller they won a car" kind of sentence.

"He" as a Gender-Neutral Pronoun

A related change that is more about what isn't in the Stylebook than about what is in the Stylebook is that it no longer says that it's okay to use "he" as a gender-neutral pronoun. The last edition said it was okay, but now they no longer specifically support it. Instead, the stylebook says, "Do not presume maleness in constructing a sentence. Usually it is possible, and always preferable,

to reword the sentence to avoid gender."

The AP goes on to say again if rewriting isn't possible, use "they" and just make sure your readers can tell you're writing about only one person.

All the Feelings

So, what does it all mean? People have a lot of feelings about these changes. At the American Copy Editors Society meeting, a cheer erupted in the room when the Associated Press made their announcement. But I've also seen comments from people who feel like it's the end of the world.

I did a poll on Twitter, asking people how they felt about the changes and giving just the very simple possibilities of yay, boo, and don't care. The majority liked the changes, but if you don't like them, you aren't alone. And if you don't like the singular "they," you don't have to use it unless you're writing for an editor or client who wants you to follow AP or Chicago style or another stylebook that favors the singular "they."

My premise is that we vote on language change with our usage and our lobbying and our complaints. So, people voted. They voted when they left comments for the editors. They voted when they turned in their articles using the singular "they," and eventually the editors took notice, tallied the votes, and decided it was time to make these changes.

One cautionary note that I think is worth making is that as far as I can tell, standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT still mark the singular "they" as wrong. So if you're a teacher or studying for one of those tests, you still have to think of it as wrong, at least for the test. And as a teacher, I know it's

easier to teach students straightforward rules than to try to explain that it's wrong on the test, but fine if you're writing for a newspaper, but that's the state of the language today. But—it will probably change again in a couple of years with evolving usage. So stay tuned.

By Mignon Fogarty (The Grammar Girl) 04/07/17

NALS OF GREATER KALAMAZOO BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 2, 2017

The April Board meeting minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was tabled. Committee reports were given and committee matters were discussed, including Ways & Means, Membership, Scholarship, Programs and Reservations including the upcoming Make Studio Social event on Thursday, May 17, 2017.

Cathy Zachary PLS, reported that we have 36 members total.

Paula Steffey is still in need of items for the upcoming June 24, 2017 rummage sale. Contact Kim Snow to volunteer at the Kalamazoo Speedway on June 9. Paula Steffey is collecting flash drives for use with certification materials.

Cathy Zachary, PLS, has suggested the idea of creating a Mentorship program for new NALS members.

The upcoming General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at Miller Canfield with special guest speaker Judge Bridenstine.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Levine & Levine, in conjunction with our annual planning meeting.

NALS Presents The Make Studio Social Event



When: Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Address: 3410 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo MI 49048
(Across the street from Borgess Health Center)
Cost: \$25.00 **2 people will be drawn to attend free!! If you wish to be included in the drawing, email mguyman@wnj.com**

Please sign up and pay for your spot no later than 48 hours before the event

<http://makestudiokalamazoo.com/products/private-workshop-for-miller-johnson-wednesday-may-17th-6-pm>.

Make Studio Kalamazoo is a BYOB, paint and sip creative studio where you are guaranteed to have a great time! You don't have to be artistic or creative. The process they teach will show you how to make a perfect project that you will love. They offer bottled water, but you are more than welcome to bring in your own snacks and drinks. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine or some beer for you to drink while you create your artwork.

Additional information can be found at:

<http://makestudiokalamazoo.com/about>

Let's Play Ball!

WMU Entrepreneurs has invited NALS to participate in their second annual WMU Night at Comerica Park!



When: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Time: The charter buses leaving from Heritage Hall at 2pm.
The first pitch is at 7 pm.

Cost: Ticket and package sales are available at www.MyWMU.com/Tigers.

Last year over 4,200 Bronco Buddies and friends and families joined so if you want the full experience, sign up now. There are only 3,000 limited edition brown and gold hats, 650 seats available at the pregame tailgate, 200 seats on the charter bus. A big shout out to McDonald's Family Restaurants for being the bus sponsor. Last year was so much fun; this is a not to be missed event.

NALS FUNDRAISER: 3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE (RAIN OR SHINE)



Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017
Time: 8:00 – 4:00
Location: Paula Steffey's House
3240 Pondview Drive
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009

Clean out those closets, basement, and garage! Proceeds will benefit NALS of Greater Kalamazoo!

Donations needed: Clothing, household items, books, etc. Please make sure items are clean and in good condition. Any unsold items will be donated to various non-profits.

You may also bring items to the NALS monthly meetings. To schedule a special drop off or pick up time, please call Paula at 377-9341.

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Above: 2017-2018 officers installed at the April 25 meeting.
Below: Michele Guyman installs new member (and K-Wings fan) Jennifer Antisdale. Welcome, Jennifer!



June 2017 Monthly Meeting

On June 27, 2017 NALS of Greater Kalamazoo will hold its Monthly Membership Meeting, CLE, and Scholarship Award Presentations at Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill located at 5802 Gull Road in Kalamazoo.



Meeting Agenda

5:30 p.m. – Networking

6:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Continuing Legal Education
Scholarships will be awarded after the CLE.

Continuing Legal Education

Our CLE topic is "Active Shooter" and our speakers will be
Officer Ryan Shank, Kalamazoo Public Safety, Vine Neighborhood
Community Police Officer

-and-

Officer Christopher Hancox, Kalamazoo Public Safety,
Downtown Community Police Officer

Please plan to join us on June 27.

KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY FUNDRAISER!

NALS of Greater Kalamazoo will once again be selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY on **Friday, June 9, 2017**. The speedway is located at 7656 Ravine Road in Kalamazoo.



Here's how it works: The race starts at 7:00 p.m. We arrive around 6:00 p.m. We set up a table near the grandstand entryway to sell tickets there. We also circulate in the grandstand selling tickets as well. Then about 9:00, the drawing is held, and the rest of the evening is yours to spend at the races!

This fundraiser was a great success last year. And it's only a 3 hour commitment! If you can help us out (yourself, spouse, family members, etc.), please contact Kim Snow at 388-6060 or via email at ksnowpls@aol.com.

HEY, FRIENDS!

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STEP 3. BUY YOUR TICKETS

STEP 4. TELL YOUR FRIENDS

STEP 5. SHOW UP ON JULY 29!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP
PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER
INFO@KALAMAZOOBAR.ORG

MEMBERSHIP NEWS
by Vice President Michele Guyman

MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Brenda Knapp	May 8
Chelsea Cupp	May 9
Monica Kim	May 15
Maria Soares	May 24
Lena Tricoci	June 27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY/JUNE NALS ANNIVERSARIES:



Nancy Thomas, PLS	May 1 (31 years)
Pamela Wilcox	May 1 (31 years)
Kim Snow, PP, PLS	May 8 (28 years)
Brenda Knapp	May 13 (1 year)
Lucinda Broecker, PLS	May 17 (28 years)
Deborah Koppers	May 17 (26 years)
Christine English, PLS	June 1 (26 years)
Kathleen Hutchins, PLS	June 1 (23 years)
Monica Kim	June 1 (1 year)
Kelly Baird	June 4 (5 years)
Paula Steffey, PP, CLP-SC	June 9 (3 years)
Chelsea Cupp	June 10 (1 year)
Jennifer Robinson	June 27 (1 year)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO NALS!

REMINDER TO INVITE A FRIEND! Copy the meeting invitation from this month's *Pleadings* newsletter and send it to colleagues or students in the legal field, encouraging them to attend a NALS meeting with you!

Wanted: @Law Magazines: If you have any old @Law magazines you no longer want to keep, please bring them with you to a meeting, as Michele can use them in new member packets. Thanks!

CALENDAR

May 17, 2017

NALS of Greater Kalamazoo Social Event

Venue: Make Studio Kalamazoo, 3410 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo

6:00 p.m.

\$25 – Please sign up and pay for your spot no later than 48 hours before the event

<http://makestudiokalamazoo.com/products/private-workshop-for-miller-johnson-wednesday-may-17th-6-pm>

May 20, 2017

NALS ALP Certification Exam

May 23, 2017 – (Tuesday)

General Membership Meeting

Venue: Miller Canfield, 277 S. Rose Street, Suite 5000, Kalamazoo, MI

5:30 p.m. Networking; 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Speaker: Honorable Paul J. Bridenstine

Topic: Indigent Criminal Defense

June 9, 2017

Kalamazoo Speedway Fundraiser

Venue: Kalamazoo Speedway, 7656 Ravine Rd, Kalamazoo, MI

Time: Arrive at 6:00 p.m.; Race starts at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer – contact Kim Snow at ksnowpls@aol.com or call (269) 338-6060

June 24, 2017

NALS of Greater Kalamazoo Rummage Sale

Venue: Paula Steffey's House, 3240 Pondview Drive, Kalamazoo, MI

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact Paula to drop off your items

westernmom40@gmail.com or (269) 377-9341

June 27, 2017 – (Tuesday)

Membership Meeting – Scholarship Award

Venue: Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, 5802 Gull Rd., Comstock, MI 49001

5:30 p.m. Networking; 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Speaker: Officers Ryan Shank and Christopher Hancox, Kalamazoo Public Safety Department

Topic: Active Shooter

June 28, 2017

WMU Night at Comerica Park

Venue: Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI (The charter bus leaves from Heritage Hall at 2pm)

Time: 7pm

Tickets are available at: www.MyWMU.com/Tigers

July 1, 2017

NALS 66th Annual Education & Networking Conference: Early Bird Deadline

Sign up at: <https://www.nals.org/events>

July 5, 2017

NALS 2017 Leadership Appreciation Day

Sign up at: <https://www.nals.org/events>

July 13, 2017

KCBA and YLS Spring Mixer

Venue: TBD

5:01 p.m.

July 25, 2017 – (Lunch Meeting)

General Membership Meeting

Venue: Miller Johnson, 100 West Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3960

12:00 p.m. Lunch, presentation and business meeting

Speaker: Gerald E. (JJ) Henn II

Topic: B Corporations

August 22, 2017 – (Lunch Meeting)

General Membership Meeting

Venue: Park Club, 219 W South St, Kalamazoo, MI

12:00 p.m. Lunch, presentation and business meeting

Speaker: TBD

Topic: TBD

September 16, 2017

NALS of Lansing's 2nd Annual Golf Outing

Venue: Centennial Acres Golf Course, 12485 Dow Rd., Sunfield, MI

2:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Register at:

<https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/nals>

September 30, 2017

NALS Certification Exams

(ALP/PLS/CLP/PP)

October 2017

NALS of Greater Kalamazoo Social Event

Venue: Escapology - Escape Room at Airway Fun Center, 5626 Portage Rd., Portage

Time and Date: TBD - More info to come!

October 4-7, 2017

66th Annual NALS Education Conference & National Forum

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

NALS OF MICHIGAN DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Nancy Thomas, PLS



On April 21-22, 2017, I attended the NALS of Michigan 56th Annual Meeting and Educational Conference held at the DoubleTree Hilton in Grand Rapids. Also attending from our chapter were: Paula Steffey, Diane Berry, Tami Carl, Pam Wilcox, Kim Snow, Michele Guyman, Kathleen Hutchins, Kim Somers, Jen Bayer, Jen Robinson, Lubna Oulmane, Andrea Kardatzke, and Cathy Zackery.

Friday was an all-education day, including topics on disability law, the Klan in Michigan, linguistic analysis, and fake pharmaceuticals (which scared us all!). The exhibitors were with us on Friday, and we enjoyed visiting their displays. Friday's luncheon focused on the exhibitors, who were kind enough to furnish several door prizes.

Saturday featured the regular business meeting conducted by Wil Antonides, NALS of Michigan President.

Scholarship bylaw and standing rule amendments were approved with a couple of minor changes. This brings the scholarship governance structure in line with the current structure of NALS of Michigan.

The scholarship award winner will continue to be selected by those members in attendance at the annual meeting. This year's winner is Susan Merriman from Grand Rapids, who attends Davenport University. She and her husband were able to join us at the Saturday night banquet to accept the scholarship award of \$1,000.

The following were elected as 2016-2017 officers:

President	Heidi Hopper, PP, PLS, NALS of Lansing
Vice President/Membership & Marketing	Paula Steffey, PP, CLP-SC, NALS of Gtr Kalamazoo
Vice President/Education & Certification	Jodi Velez, CLP, Grand Traverse LP
Treasurer	Sue Acklin, PP, PLS, NALS of West Michigan
Executive Secretary	Tonya Mashue, PP, PLS, NALS of West Michigan
Parliamentarian	Kathy Amirante, PP, PLS, NALS of Lansing

No bids were received to host the 2019 annual meeting, so the deadline was extended to the June membership meeting. The new Board of Directors will likely appoint a committee if no chapter steps forward to volunteer.

Saturday also featured the certification luncheon, where newly certified members were recognized, including our own Paula Steffey for her CLP and PP certifications. At the Saturday banquet, the Clara LaGow Award for having the highest percentage of chapter members pass the certification exams in the past year was given to NALS of Lansing.

Chapter finance tables were set up Saturday, and our table this year featured a "gift card wreath" and a 50/50 raffle. We took in \$179 from the wreath and \$60 from the 50/50 raffle; there were no expenses, so our profit is \$239. Many thanks to Paula Steffey for collecting the gift cards and putting together the wreath! The NALS of Michigan raffle drawing was also held, with one of the winners having purchased his ticket from Kim Snow. Thanks to all of our members who furnished gift cards for our chapter raffle, and who sold and/or purchased tickets to support the state association's annual fundraiser.

Saturday concluded with the banquet, featuring installation of the new officers, awarding of the Legal Professional of the Year (to Heidi Hopper, NALS of Lansing), and passing of the gavel from Wil Antonides, 2016-2017 president, to Heidi Hopper. Also at the Saturday banquet, our chapter won the \$100 membership award for adding the most members during the past year! Good job everyone, and special kudos to Michele Guyman!

Plan now to attend the 2018 meeting, hosted by Grand Traverse ALP at Shanty Creek in Bellaire, April 27-29, 2018. The next state meeting is June 17 at the State Bar Building in Lansing (more information out soon). Keep in mind our chapter will pay any member's registration fee to a state seminar/meeting. If anyone has questions or concerns about our state association, please feel free to contact me.

November 11, 2014 marked the 100 year anniversary of the start of World War I, “The War to End all Wars.” In tribute, the British placed ceramic poppies outside the Tower of London.



In Flanders Fields

*By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
(1872-1918)
Canadian Army*

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Although he had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, it was impossible to get used to the suffering, the screams, and the blood, and Major John McCrae had seen and heard enough in his dressing station to last him a lifetime. As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae, who had joined the McGill faculty in 1900 after graduating from the University of Toronto, had spent seventeen days treating injured men -- Canadians, British, Indians, French, and Germans -- in the Ypres Salient in the spring of 1915.

It had been an ordeal that he had hardly thought possible. McCrae later wrote of it: "I wish I could embody on paper some of the varied sensations of that seventeen days... Seventeen days of Hades! At the end of the first day if anyone had told us we had to spend seventeen days there, we would have folded our hands and said it could not have been done."

One death particularly affected McCrae. A young friend and former student, Lieut. Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, had been killed by a shell burst on 2 May 1915. Lieutenant Helmer was buried later that day in the little cemetery outside McCrae's dressing station, and McCrae had performed the funeral ceremony in the absence of the chaplain. The next day, sitting on the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Canal de l'Yser, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, McCrae vented his anguish by

composing a poem. The major was no stranger to writing, having authored several medical texts besides dabbling in poetry. In the nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe, and he spent twenty minutes of precious rest time scribbling fifteen lines of verse in a notebook.

A young soldier watched him write it. Cyril Allinson, a twenty-two year old sergeant-major, was delivering mail that day when he spotted McCrae. The major looked up as Allinson approached, then went on writing while the sergeant-major stood there quietly. "His face was very tired but calm as we wrote," Allinson recalled. "He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave."

When McCrae finished five minutes later, he took his mail from Allinson and, without saying a word, handed his pad to the young NCO. Allinson was moved by what he read: "The poem was an exact description of the scene in front of us both. He used the word blow in that line because the poppies actually were being blown that morning by a gentle east wind. It never occurred to me at that time that it would ever be published. It seemed to me just an exact description of the scene." In fact, it was very nearly not published. Dissatisfied with it, McCrae tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it and sent it to newspapers in England. The Spectator, in London, rejected it, but Punch published it on 8 December 1915.

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NALS of Lansing 2nd Annual September Swing Golf Outing

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 2:30 p.m.
Centennial Acres Golf Course
Sunfield, Michigan

Join NALS of Lansing for its 2nd Annual September Swing Golf Outing and Dinner. NALS of Lansing is a 501(c)(6) organization that has been serving the capital region for over 50 years by providing continuing legal education, certifications, networking, and training to those choosing the legal services industry as their career.

Players will have a chance to win a number of prizes for on-the-course contests, door prizes, and 50/50 raffle.

GOLFER REGISTRATION:

Format: 4 - Person Scramble, Shotgun Start

Price: \$60 per golfer

Includes: 18 holes of golf, golf cart, open driving range, shuttle service, tap beer & fountain pop from the clubhouse and a steak & chicken dinner following golf

Register online at <https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/nals>

or mail a check payable to NALS of Lansing, c/o Jessica Garber, 313 S. Washington Sq., Lansing, MI 48933

Questions? Contact jgarber@fosterswift.com

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Hole Sponsorship: \$100

8x24 printed sign in a deluxe holder visible at the tee off area; logo on website

Donations of items for prizes such as tickets to sporting or theater events, gift baskets, gift cards, etc., are appreciated.



NALS of Greater Kalamazoo
May 2017 Monthly Membership Meeting and CLE

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Miller Canfield
(277 S. Rose Street, Suite 5000, Kalamazoo, MI 49007; Phone 269.381.7030)

SPEAKER

Honorable Paul J. Bridenstine
Presiding Judge, Trial Division, 2016-Present



TOPIC: Indigent Criminal Defense

Judge Bridenstine is a judge for the 9th Circuit Court. He was appointed to the court on January 15, 2015 by Governor Snyder and was elected in 2016. Prior to that, he was a judge for the 8th District Court from 2000 to 2015. He received his undergraduate degree from University of Notre Dame and his J.D. from University of Detroit Mercy.

He also currently teaches at Western Michigan University in the Department of Political Science. He has previously been the President of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association and a Community Board Member at Family and Children Services. Interesting fact: During college, Judge Bridenstine lived in a halfway house with Indiana parolees!

AGENDA

5:30 p.m. – Networking
6:00 p.m. – Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Speaker Presentation (CLE)
A short chapter business meeting will follow the CLE.

DINNER BUFFET

Dinner will be catered from Finley's Grill and Smokehouse consisting of Texas Beef Brisket and Georgia-style Pulled Pork bar. We will also have Finley's Mac and Cheese, House Garden Salad, and corn bread muffins.

Cost per person: \$16

*Lemonade, tax, and gratuity are included in the price.
A variety of wines will also be available (Donations accepted!)*

RESERVATION PROCEDURE

E-mail your reservation to Monica Kim at monpkim@gmail.com or call 269-697-3515 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017** to reserve your spot. Give your payment to Jennifer Robinson, NALS Treasurer, at the meeting. Checks are welcome. If you pay in cash, please bring the exact amount. **SORRY, BUT ONCE THE RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CALLED IN, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT FOR YOUR ORDER IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL AND DO NOT FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

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CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting and Planning Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Levine & Levine

May General Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Miller Canfield
Program: Judge Bridenstine

Make Studio Event

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6:00 p.m.

Kalamazoo Speedway Fundraiser

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